

dren as aforesaid in any County of their said Circuit, then and thereafter any resident of said County or the agent of any society incorporated under the laws of this State for the care and protection of children, may file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County a petition in writing, and under oath, setting forth that a certain child or children, naming the same, if the name or names be known, and also naming the parent or parents of such child, if there be parent or parents, known to the petitioner, or the name of the custodian of such child or children, if there be such custodian known to the petitioner, and the place or places of residence of such child or children, their parents or other custodian, where known to the petitioner, is or are delinquent, dependent or neglected, as defined in Section 47, and that it is for the interest of such child or children, and the State of Maryland, that it or they be taken from its or their parent or parents, guardian or custodian, and placed under the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court for said County, sitting in Juvenile Causes, together with such other pertinent facts, if any, as the petitioner may think proper to state. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County shall file and preserve such petition and all papers relating to such petition, and docket such case, wherein the petitioner shall be named as plaintiff, and the child or children, its or their parent or parents, guardian or custodian, when named, shall be made defendants in such case. It shall be the duty of the said Clerk to provide a suitable book or docket, to be styled the "Juvenile Docket," which shall be carefully kept in his office and in which shall be entered all such cases and the proceedings therein briefly as in the ordinary Docket of his office.

1916, ch. 326, sec. 4.

50. The said Clerk shall, immediately upon the filing of the petition and making the proper docket entries as provided in the preceding Section, call the same to the attention of the Circuit Court for said County, sitting in Juvenile Causes, and it shall be the duty of said Court, to pass an order requiring the Sheriff or some constable of said County, or the probation officer hereinafter named, to serve a summons upon all parties named in said proceedings as defendants, to be and appear before said Court, at the hour and upon the day therein named, and the Court may, in its or his discretion, adopt all necessary means to have the body of the child named in the proceedings brought before said Court at any designated time. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to issue summons for any and all witnesses required by any petitioner to appear at the hearing of his or her petition.

1916, ch. 326, sec. 5.

51. The Circuit Court for any of the several Counties sitting in Juvenile Causes may select some one of the Deputy Clerks (other than recording clerk) employed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county to act as Clerk of said Circuit Court sitting in Juvenile